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## Home Builders Association of Western Michigan Government Relations Committee

### Information Request Form

Candidate Name:  Tony Goodman\_\_\_\_\_

Street address:  8710 Baseline Rd.\_\_\_\_\_

City / State / Zip:  Battle Creek, Mi. 49017\_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address (if different):  P.O. Box 1291, Battle Creek, Mi. 49016\_

County: Calhoun \_\_\_\_\_ Length of residence: 31 Yrs.

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Website:  None \_\_\_\_\_

Campaign committee name & address: Committee to Elect Tony Goodman Trustee  
Pennfield Twp., P.O. Box 1291 , Battle Creek, Mi. 49016

Occupation: Self Employed. CO-Owner, Partner, Pennfield PlazaLLC

Candidate for which office: Trustee Pennfield Twp.\_ Incumbent? Yes\_\_\_\_\_

Please list endorsements received to date:  None, Battle Creek Board of Realtors my  
2016 election.

#### Mission Statement

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## *HBA of Western Michigan – local candidate informational questions*

Have you ever run for elective office?

Yes 1978 State Rep. 56<sup>th</sup> Dist., 2008 Clerk Pennfield Twp.

What is your background (education, employment, other relevant experience)?

St. Patrick, Portland, Mi. Elementary, Jr. High, Grad. Portland High School, 1968, Lansing Com College, Associates Degree, MSU, BA, Dept. of Political Science, 1977

What are your top priority issues if elected / re-elected?

Developing and encouraging New Business in Pennfield Twp.\_\_\_\_

Why should the residential construction and remodeling community support your candidacy?

I am very opposed to gov't. intervention into private property rights. Am very proud of opposing a 2016 Rental Ordinance and voting to repeal this ordinance in 2019\_\_\_\_

Why should the residential construction and remodeling community NOT support your opponent's candidacy (if applicable)?

No reason\_\_\_\_\_

Today the home building and remodeling community is confronted with a wide array of complex issues. Who and/or what organization in your community do you use for advice and counsel?

I have a nephew who is a licensed builder, own rental property and am appraised of what issues prevail in the Building Trades from time to time.

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Government regulations, policies, ordinances and codes continue to be a top concern of the residential construction and remodeling industry. What would you recommend to reduce regulations to promote and support the need for additional housing in our area?

In the past I have had a seat on the Battle Creek Housing Commission Board of Appeals as Vice-Chair for 3.5 years. I was very much disillusioned by the dominance of gov't over this board and has continued to be a guide in how I view proceedings in Pennfield Twp.

What is your philosophy on residential development, impact fees, property taxes, etc.?

I came from a farm background and operated service company. I see housing and real estate holdings as having a finite value and a very solid investment. I have two sons and both are home owners. Emphasizing home ownership benefits is an American Tradition and makes Good Sense. Government burdens should be adjusted accordingly.

What else can be done to encourage and support new housing development?

What is your position on the rights of property owners with regard to development, redevelopment and remodeling?

I have taken my experience of living in The City of Battle Creek, having been a business owner there and sitting on the Battle Creek Hosing Commission Board of Appeals, in many instances, of what Not to do in Pennfield Twp. The occurrence of certain resolutions that mimic Battle Creek and their timing, make me suspect of how they originate. I have seen home owners home owners indigent over being cited for a chip in the paint in their garage door frame. I have also seen a property owner tear down an existing, nice home, rather than concede to the Battle Creek Housing authority code infraction. I personal feel, and subscribe to the notion "it is better to allow one to take pride in their property rather than coerce compliance". I have practiced this myself. In July of 2009 I was awarded the "Mayor Frederick R. Brydges Award of Recognition" from The City of Battle Creek for work I had done to an apartment complex I owned at that time.

How would you define positive growth in housing for our area?

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Everybody living and aspiring to home ownership, business prospering. \_\_\_\_\_

How can the HBA of Western Michigan assist you if you are elected?

There is licensed builder in my close family. I am aware of issues concerning licensing and inspections. Input from HBA would be welcomed.

**The Government Relations Committee thanks you for taking the time help the HBA membership to make an informed decision on election day. Please return your form to the address above or email to [JeffT@hbawmi.com](mailto:JeffT@hbawmi.com) or fax to 269-375-6493.**

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